

# History Knowledge Organiser

Year 2




The Great Fire of London 1666

## A Timeline of Events

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b> The fires starts at 1.00am in Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane.	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b> The fire gets very close to the Tower of London	<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b> St Paul's Cathedral is destroyed by the fire.	<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b> The wind dies down and the fire spreads more slowly	<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b> The fire is finally put out. Thousands of people are left homeless.
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Vocabulary	
<b>Bakery</b>	A place that makes bread, cakes, etc.
<b>Oven -</b>	a place where food is cooked. Today we use gas or electricity to heat ovens but in 1666 they burnt wood to heat the oven.
<b>London</b>	The capital city of England
<b>River Thames</b>	The river in London
<b>Diary</b>	A book that people write about their lives in.
<b>St Pauls Cathedral</b>	A very large church in London. A new St Paul's Cathedral was built after the fire
<b>Fire hook</b>	Giant hooks used to pull houses down.
<b>Leather bucket</b>	Leather is the material that buckets were made from before plastic was invented.
<b>Fire breaks</b>	A gap that stops the fire spreading to other buildings.
<b>Thatched roof</b>	Most houses had thatched roofs made from straw or palm branches. These were materials which burnt well and allowed the fire to spread.
<b>The Monument</b>	This was designed by Christopher Wren

Knowledge	
<b>When and where did the fire start?</b>	The Fire of London started on 2nd September 1666
<b>Why did the fire start?</b>	The fire used for baking was not put out properly.
<b>Why did the fire spread so quickly?</b>	The weather in London was hot and it hadn't rained for ten months. Houses in London were mainly built from wood and straw which burn easily. The houses were also very close together, which meant the fire could easily spread.
<b>How did people try to put the fire out?</b>	People used leather buckets and water squirts to put the fire out, but these did not work. Later in the week King Charles ordered buildings to be pulled down to stop the flames from spreading.
<b>How and when was the fire put out?</b>	By Thursday the wind had died down so people could put out the flames.

Key People		
<b>Thomas Farriner</b> 	<b>Samuel Pepys</b> 	<b>Charles II</b> 
Thomas Farriner was the King's baker and it is believed the fire started in his bakery	One of the ways we know about the fire is because he wrote about it in his diary	Charles II was the King of England in 1666. He lived in the Tower of London.

## What should I already Know?

That events happened in the past a long time ago.